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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft

We currently use Microsoft products and are also concerned Microsoft stockholders.

The purpose of this letter is to express our opinions regarding the settlement made between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. As tax payers and Microsoft stockholders, we feel that to continue litigations would simply be a waste of time and money. Microsoft has agreed to many terms and conditions, which should allow other companies to compete with Microsoft effectively.

For instance, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with an interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easier for computer makers, consumers, and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. This mechanism will make it easy to add or remove access to features built into Windows or non-Windows software.

Overall, we feel that Microsoft has done all, if not more than it should have. The settlement should be finalized and all litigations ended.

Sincerely

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